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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

PROGRAM INDEX

TV38 News – TV38 News is the market's only broadcast newscast available at 9:00 p.m. Anchored by Scott Wahle and Sara Underwood, the newscast delivers a contemporary half-hour of news filled with comprehensive coverage of local politics, community events, medical updates, and issues of importance to the community.
Airs: Monday-Friday at 9:00 p.m.
Duration: 30 minutes

TV38 NEWS

Political

10/02/07- With the cost of the war approaching 10 billion dollars, three local lawmakers raise the issue of a “war tax” so that the cost of the war isn’t passed on to future generations.

10/10/07-The two frontrunners in the race for the Democratic nomination for President visit New England. Senator Hillary Clinton was at an all-women’s fundraiser at the Boston Symphony Hall. The event featured the “Goo-Goo Dolls”. And, Senator Barack Obama was campaigning in New Hampshire where he said down for an in-depth report with WSBK’s Karen Anderson.

10/29/07 – A report that the Massachusetts Turnpike Board approved a twenty-five cent toll hike. The increase will go into effect in January.

11/06/07- A report on elections in the town of Braintree where they voted for the first Mayor in the town’s history.

11/08/07- A new report reveals that one in four homeless people once served in the armed forces. We look at this “politically” charged issue in the city of Boston where veterans have come home only to find they can’t find a place to call home.

11/09/07- A report on how the rough week on Wall Street will affect local business during the key holiday shopping season.

11/13/07- A report about legislation on Beacon Hill that would require the breathalyzer test for all drivers involved in a fatal car crash. Some would also like the bill expanded to include drug testing.

11/16/07-A report that the Principal of the Winchester middle school canceled a field trip to see “A Miracle on 34th Street” because the content wasn’t politically correct.

11/27/07-A report on legislative debate about a statewide push to outlaw a parent’s right to spank his child for discipline.

11/28/07 A report about a woman, who lost her daughter to a sudden heart problem, and feels her daughter could have been saved had the school had a heart defibrillation machine. She is now pushing for legislation that would mandate schools to carry the device.

11/30/07 A report that former Massachusetts Governor and presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, hired a landscaping firm for his Massachusetts home that continued to employ illegal immigrants.

12/06/07 A report on a national speech given by former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. The speech sought to convince voters that his Mormon beliefs would not affect his decision making if elected President of the United States.

12/18/07 A report on a hearing on Beacon Hill about the Governor's proposal to legalize gambling in the state of Massachusetts.

Health & Medical

10/08/07- A report on the rising number of Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS) cases in the town of Middleboro. Residents there believe pollutions is to blame for the increasing number of cases of the fatal disease.

10/09/07- A report on a pill that will curb alcohol cravings. The drug Topomas is being used for seizures and migraines. Now doctors are learning that the drug can also control addictive behavior.

10/16/07- A report that a "superbug" staph infections kills a little girl from New Hampshire. We look at what hospitals can do to prevent these kinds of infections.

10/17/07 A report on a controversial plan in Portland, Maine to provide birth control to middle-schoolers without parental consent

10/18/07- A new warning from doctors not to give cold and cough medicine to children under the age of six.

11/08/07- A report on the fight against Alzheimer's disease. New studies suggest that caffeine, fish oil and some blood pressure medicines help to prevent protein buildup in the brain.

11/12/07- A report that Massachusetts General Hospital is testing a new device on heart patients called "watchman". The "watchman" is an alternative to blood thinning medications and acts like a filter to stop blood clots from passing through arteries

11/20/07 A report that for the first time, researchers are able to create embryonic stem cells without cloning or using embryos. It is all done with ordinary skin cells. The discovery could eventually be used in the treatment of diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

11/22/07 A report on a recall of Chinese made children's jewelry because it is contaminated with lead. The jewelry was being sold at Family Dollar stores, Big Lots and Michaels.

12/10/07 A report on a ruling by the Supreme Judicial Court that a doctor can be held liable for the death of a child who wasn't even his patient. The case involved a doctor

who had given medicine to a cancer patient who later killed 10 year old child in an auto accident.

12/11/07 A report that the number of teenagers who admit to using the drug oxycontin is up by thirty per cent since the study was last done in 2002. Marijuana is still the number one drug of choice among teenagers.

12/17/07 Dr. Mallika Marshall reports on a hi-tech robot that makes chemotherapy safer. The robot is currently used in Europe and will soon be used in the United States.

12/27/07 A health warning to consumers living in central Massachusetts. Milk sold at a local dairy is contaminated with the bacteria Listeria. The contaminated milk is linked to the deaths for two people.

Law/Safety & Security

10/01/07- A report that a Washington, DC man is behind bars tonight because of threatening comments he made to attendants at Logan Airport when boarding a flight.

10/04/07- A report on the autopsy results of two firefighters who died battling a fire in West Roxbury. The results show that one firefighter was legally drunk at the time of his death and the other firefighter had traces of cocaine in his system. Our report looks into the public safety issues raised by the autopsy results.

10/12/07- A report on new cracks found in one of the states most traveled bridges. The cracks in the Tobin Bridge were discovered during a routine investigation. We examine what needs to be done to make the bridge safe.

10/15/07- A report that a 76 year old woman lost control of her car and drove it into the emergency room of the Brockton Hospital killing two people. We ask the question when are you too old to be driving a car.

10/19/07- A report on the town of Holliston's beaver problem which is threatening the town water supplies. The beaver's are building their dams too close to the town's well, threatening water contamination.

10/25/07-Alert for parents about the re-call of a popular foam baby seat. The seats are called "babysitter".

10/26/07- A report on security plans to keep crowds under control should the Red Sox win the World Series.

11/01/07- A report that encourages viewers to get an energy audit as a way to figure out how to save money this winter as oil prices continue to rise.

11/21/07-A report on a police chase in Dorchester that ended with the police fatally shooting a suspect. The police actions are being questioned by the victim's wife.

12/05/07 A report on the Everett residents left homeless following a tanker explosion and how the Red Cross is helping them. The report included information about how viewers could help.

12/12/07 A report on a temporary victory for people who put up patriotic displays along highway overpasses to remember loved ones serving overseas. The highways department had the signage removed citing safety hazards for drivers. The Governor temporarily overrode the highway department and the sign can go back up.

12/14/07 A report critical of the state in the recent handling of traffic during a major snowstorm. The entire Boston area was tied up in eight hours of gridlock the day before because there was not a coordinated effort between Boston and state government for dealing with early worker releases.

12/18/07 A report that a Waltham company is making a battery for hybrid cars that could get 100 miles to the gallon.

Community/Culture

10/03/07- A profile on one of the 7,000 women runners who will be running the Tufts 10k Road race to promote women's health. The report followed a young woman who suffered a heart attack and has now run the race for the past two years.

10/04/07- As the Red Sox prepare for the playoffs, we profile the newly named "Artist in Residence" for the team and learn how the history of Boston and the team influence his art.

10/18/07-A report on a new city website, "The Mayor's Foodcourt.Com" which tells people which city restaurants have passed or failed the city's health inspection.

10/23/07- A report on a local battered women's shelter that is capitalizing on the Red Sox being in the World Series. The shelter is raising money to help battered women by "re-selling" playoff tickets. Our report raises awareness of their efforts letting viewers know how to get tickets to the game while helping a good cause.

11/29/07 Report that the Archdiocese is closing two neighborhood schools to ensure that the remaining schools have strong enrollment.

10/24/07- A report on the “Step Up to the Plate” program. This program is created by the Red Sox to try to encourage men to volunteer as a Big Brother. Our story profiles a big brother and his “little” brother who was an honorary bat boy at a Red Sox game.

10/30/07- A report that after 25 years, the new Greenbush rail line from the South Shore into downtown Boston is finally operational. Officials are encouraged that this will cut down on automobile traffic into the city.

11/07/07- A report on a new program at the Museum of Fine Arts that led students from the Perkins School for the Blind to create a new exhibit.

11/15/07- A report on the 25th anniversary of the Casa Esperanza, a residential substance abuse program.

11/16/07- A report that the Mayor of Leominster is using the city’s website to post the cheapest gas prices in the area for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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12/19/07 A report that Visa is selling a giftcard for the holidays that could be used to pre-pay health expenses like co-pay and event elective surgery.

12/21/07 Worried about recent snowstorms and up-coming rainstorms, authorities are strongly advising consumers to clear the snow from their rooftops or face roof collapses.

1/25/07 A report on a group of volunteers who spend Christmas every year at St. Monica’s Parish in South Boston feeding the hungry and making sure that those less fortunate don’t go without.

12/26/07 With the Boston Archdiocese closing churches and parochial schools to fix its finances, this report looked into whether Church officials would consider what a Roman Catholic Church in Cincinnati is doing, accepting church donations online. The answer is yes.

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